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The American Numismatic and Archæological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1 What is your full name? *Answer.*

William Merchant Richardson French

2. What were the names of your parents? *A.*

Henry Flagg French
Anne Richardson

3. What were the names of your grandparents? *A.*

Daniel French
Sarah Wingate Flagg (French)
William Merchant Richardson
Betsey Smith (Richardson)

4. When and where were you born? *A.*

At Exeter, New Hamp., Oct. 1, 1843 –

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? *A.* m. (1) Sarah Moody Lovejoy, d. of Owen Lovejoy, Sep. 9, '79 She d. July 28, 1881: two children.
m. (2) In Chicago Mch. 27, 1890 Alice Helm, d. of Henry T. Helm and Julia Lathrop (Helm)

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. *A.*

1 Son, Henry Helm French, b. in Chicago Aug 4, 1891 –

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A.*

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.*

Public Schools & Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, New Hamp, up to 16 years of age.

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.*

Harvard U. 1864.

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.*

Only A.B. Harvard.

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. *A.* Director of the Museum and School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Formerly a civil Engineer.

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

Corporal Mass Vols.! Assistant and Draughtsman of U.S. Engineers, & in Supervising Architect's Office at Washington.

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A.*

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. *A.*

Occasional Articles for journals, & Many public Lectures — nearly all upon art topics

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.* The "Richardson Memorial" gives my mother's side of the family. There are various sketches of my brother, Daniel C. French, sculptor, giving some family history.

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A.*

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A.*
My paternal grandfather was Atty. Genl. of New Hamp.
" maternal " " Chief Justice " "
" father was Judge Ct. Comm. Pleas " "
My father was also Asst. Secy U. S. Treasury, 1876 to 1885.

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.*
I think Edward French, Salisbury, Mass., 1640.

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

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